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Bonn Clerk's Body Found In Suicide

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BONN, Oct. 31—Police today found the body of a missing Defense Ministry clerk, but defense officials said his death, an apparent suicide, was not connected with security matters.

The body of Gerhard Boehm, 61, was found on the shores of the Rhine River between Bonn and Cologne as investigations continued into recent suicides among government officials and a rash of security incidents.

Boehm, who held a Defense Ministry post equivalent in rank to army sergeant, disappeared 10 days ago after leaving his family a note saying he intended to kill himself.

Chancellor Kiesinger and Foreign Minister Willy Brandt are heading an investigation into the recent espionage reports. One case involves a Sidewinder air-to-air missile that was stolen and air-freighted to Moscow.